

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9017

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A RESOLUTION to honor the dedication of the Gold Star
Memorial on the Maury County Courthouse
Public Square.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, many fine and honorable traditions have arisen from the deep wellspring of honor and bravery possessed by Tennesseans, but there is no finer tradition than that which gave Tennessee its nickname; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Volunteer State have, throughout the years, willingly forsaken the comforts and securities of inaction by taking up arms against the enemies of this great nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Marker Program of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., began in 1945 as a way to honor the people who served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America; the Blue Star Memorial Markers honor those valiant men and women who are still present in body, while the Gold Star Families' mission is to offer honor, hope, and healing for the families of those who sacrificed their lives for their country; and

WHEREAS, we will never forget their sacrifices in the name of freedom, and no one understands the true price of these freedoms like our Gold Star families who suffer from loss

that can never be restored—pain that can never be truly healed. It is because of their selfless character and unfailing grace that Americans can come home each day and live in peace and security; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Charles Tinnin and his wife, Annette Tinnin, are grateful and generous patriots who have donated funds for multiple Gold Star Families Memorial Markers to be installed in different counties in Tennessee; to date, they have donated funds for Gold Star Families Memorial Markers located in Veterans Park in Clarksville, Visitors' Center in Dover, Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Gallatin, Maury County Courthouse in Columbia, and Gatlinburg Welcome Center in Gatlinburg; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2021, a Gold Star Memorial Dedication service will be held at the Maury County Courthouse Public Square in celebration of the generous donation made by Charles and Annette Tinnin for the installation of the memorial; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude to our military veterans for their bravery in the line of fire and their dedication to preserving the cherished freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor our Gold Star families and the heroes we have laid to rest; let us always remember that the blessings we enjoy as free people in a free society came at a dear cost; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the good people of Columbia and Maury County on the occasion of the dedication of the Gold Star Memorial on the Maury County Courthouse Public Square.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our thanks to Charles and Annette Tinnin for their tireless endeavors to honor our fallen service men and women

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.